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Sanitary and Meat & Food Inspector.

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THE HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON
FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENT
TO THE PRESENT TIME

Year	Event	Page
1630	First settlement of Boston	1
1634	First church established	2
1638	First school opened	3
1642	First public library	4
1646	First public house	5
1650	First public school	6
1654	First public hospital	7
1658	First public prison	8
1662	First public workhouse	9
1666	First public almshouse	10
1670	First public hospital	11
1674	First public prison	12
1678	First public workhouse	13
1682	First public almshouse	14
1686	First public hospital	15
1690	First public prison	16
1694	First public workhouse	17
1698	First public almshouse	18
1702	First public hospital	19
1706	First public prison	20
1710	First public workhouse	21
1714	First public almshouse	22
1718	First public hospital	23
1722	First public prison	24
1726	First public workhouse	25
1730	First public almshouse	26
1734	First public hospital	27
1738	First public prison	28
1742	First public workhouse	29
1746	First public almshouse	30
1750	First public hospital	31
1754	First public prison	32
1758	First public workhouse	33
1762	First public almshouse	34
1766	First public hospital	35
1770	First public prison	36
1774	First public workhouse	37
1778	First public almshouse	38
1782	First public hospital	39
1786	First public prison	40
1790	First public workhouse	41
1794	First public almshouse	42
1798	First public hospital	43
1802	First public prison	44
1806	First public workhouse	45
1810	First public almshouse	46
1814	First public hospital	47
1818	First public prison	48
1822	First public workhouse	49
1826	First public almshouse	50
1830	First public hospital	51
1834	First public prison	52
1838	First public workhouse	53
1842	First public almshouse	54
1846	First public hospital	55
1850	First public prison	56
1854	First public workhouse	57
1858	First public almshouse	58
1862	First public hospital	59
1866	First public prison	60
1870	First public workhouse	61
1874	First public almshouse	62
1878	First public hospital	63
1882	First public prison	64
1886	First public workhouse	65
1890	First public almshouse	66
1894	First public hospital	67
1898	First public prison	68
1902	First public workhouse	69
1906	First public almshouse	70
1910	First public hospital	71
1914	First public prison	72
1918	First public workhouse	73
1922	First public almshouse	74
1926	First public hospital	75
1930	First public prison	76
1934	First public workhouse	77
1938	First public almshouse	78
1942	First public hospital	79
1946	First public prison	80
1950	First public workhouse	81
1954	First public almshouse	82
1958	First public hospital	83
1962	First public prison	84
1966	First public workhouse	85
1970	First public almshouse	86
1974	First public hospital	87
1978	First public prison	88
1982	First public workhouse	89
1986	First public almshouse	90
1990	First public hospital	91
1994	First public prison	92
1998	First public workhouse	93
2002	First public almshouse	94
2006	First public hospital	95
2010	First public prison	96
2014	First public workhouse	97
2018	First public almshouse	98
2022	First public hospital	99
2026	First public prison	100

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1953.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Knighton Rural District Council.

May, 1954.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Walker and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to submit my tenth Annual Report upon the vital statistics, Sanitary Conditions and general health in the Rural District of Knighton.

In submitting my Report I shall endeavour to include in addition to the required statistics and particulars of infectious disease, an account of Sanitation, Refuse Disposal, Drainage Housing in the Area under my Control.

There are no marked changes in the general features of your District since my previous report. The District is mountainous and very sparsely populated, its main occupation being Agriculture. With the ever widening field of scientific advice on agriculture, and the expansion of mechanised farming, there is a marked advancement from the old trend to the modern methods of farming. Young farmers clubs have contributed greatly to the development. With the aid of the Hill Farming Act, considerable farm house reconstructions, adaptations and improvements have been effected, together with the provision of piped water supplies to many properties which through their isolated location would be unable to avail themselves of the Council's Main Supplies.

OFFICIALS.

The Ministry of Health have requested details and qualifications of the Authorities Senior Public Health Officers, which are as follows.

Medical Officer of Health (part-time) Dr. J.G. Garman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,

Sanitary Inspector (full time) D. Llewellyn, A.R. San. Inst., M.S.I.A.

All matters of Public Health are under the control of these Officers, and the whole Council deal with matters of Public Health, there being no separate Public Health Committee of the Council.

The Council's Sanitary Inspector Mr. D. Llewellyn retired on the 31st December, 1953 after completing 14 years with the Council.

STATISTICS.

Total Area (in acres) of the District.	88,667.
Number of inhabited houses.	1,030.
Rateable Value.	£21,102.
Sum represented by the product of a penny rate.	£85 - 6 - 0.

BIRTHS.

There were 44 live births registered during the year, of which 24 were male, and 20 female, giving a birth rate of 14.2 per 1,000 of the population of the area, as compared with 15.5 per 1,000 for England and Wales.

The birth rate for 1952 was 10.0 per 1,000 population of the area.

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths of all ages registered during the year was 25, giving a death rate of 8.09 for the whole district, as compared with 38 deaths in 1952, giving a rate of 11.9 per 1,000.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The infantile mortality rate for the year is 22.7 per 1,000 live births compared with 31.2 for 1952. Only 1 death under 1 year of age has been recorded.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

There are Ante-Natal Infant Welfare and Tuberculosis Clinics in operation at Knighton and Llandrindod Wells. The home visiting of expectant mothers attending the Ante-Natal Clinic is undertaken by the Health Visitor.

Within reasonable distance Hereford, Shrewsbury, Llandrindod Wells and Newtown Hospitals are available for treatment, and Hereford and Shrewsbury have centres for the treatment of venereal diseases.

ORTHOPEADIC SCHEME.

This scheme covers all children and adults with fortnightly clinic at Llandrindod Wells.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Resulting from the regular inspection, provision is made for treatment. An Eye Clinic is installed in Knighton and Llandrindod Wells, and a mobile Dental Service is provided at each School in the area.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. (a) Scarlet Fever.

Three cases were notified during the year, all children, two boys of 7 and $3\frac{1}{2}$ years respectively, and a girl of $6\frac{1}{2}$ years.

(b) Diphtheria.

No cases notified during the year.

(c) Measles.

The district has been free from this disease during the year.

(d) Encephalitis Lethargica.

The district has been free from this disease during the year.

(e) Influenzal Pneumonia.

Five cases notified during the year, 2 females aged 79 and 57 respectively, and 3 males aged 79, 79 and 39 respectively.

(f) Membranous Croup.

No cases have been reported during the year.

(g) Puerperal Fever.

No cases were notified during the year.

(i) Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

No cases have been notified during the year.

(i) Erysipelas.

There were no cases during 1953 the district has been free of this disease for many years.

(k) Cancer.

Two cases have been registered during the year as being due to this malignant disease, a male of 76 years, and a female of 65 years.

(l) Polio - Myelitis.

Four cases of Polio - Myelitis were notified during the year (November and December) one male adult age 38 years and 3 boys 5, 5 and $4\frac{1}{2}$ respectively. The adult and two of the boys were removed to Hereford Hospital and the other to Copthorn Hospital, Shrewsbury.

SCHOOL CANTEENS.

Mid-day meals are provided in all of the schools situated in the Rural District.

FOOD SUPPLY AND INSPECTION.

Systematic examination of Food Shops where food is prepared, stored, or offered for sale is carried out by your Sanitary Inspector.

SCHOOL CLOSURES AND SANITATION

There have been no school closures during the year under review, and sanitation at all schools in the Area has been generally satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The Water Supplies in the Area has been under constant attention, the supplies to Llangunllo and Norton Village having caused some concern during August.

The new supply to Llandewy is working satisfactory.

The schemes under construction viz:- (1) Dolau (2) Teme Valley are of major importance. It is regretted that the Dolau Scheme is still only 95% complete, after so long. The Teme Valley Scheme being installed in four sections is making excellent progress. Knucklas and Lloiney Sections being complete. Felindre and Beguildy Sections complete. Fairwell Section approximately 75% complete, and the Reservoir Section about 50%. When this latter scheme is complete the whole of the Teme Valley Area will then have a Main Supply Scheme.

HOUSING.

The improvement and repairs, and in many cases complete reconditioning of Agricultural Homesteads, has continued to receive the attention of the Rural Council during the year. With the assistance obtainable under the Hill Farming Act ^{are} properties brought up to modern standards of Housing requirements.

OVERCROWDING.

No cases of overcrowding have occurred in the area during the year.

BUILDING BYELAWS.

The Model Building Byelaws of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government with appropriate amendments were adopted by the Council on the 13th July, 1953 and were confirmed by the Minister on the 15th October, 1953.

MILK SUPPLY

The conditions affecting the production and handling of milk in the area has been generally satisfactory.

ICE CREAM.

There are no persons manufacturing Ice Cream in the Area.

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN.

The Council having adopted the Model Bye-laws of the Ministry of Food for the handling wrapping and delivery of Food and Sale in the open air, your Officer has given systematic attention and regular visits to all Food Premises in the area.

In the Rural Area there are:-

- 19 Retail Mixed Food Shops.
- 7 Licensed Hotels and Inns.
- 11 School Canteens.
- 7 Catering Establishments.
- 5 Retail Suppliers of Milk.

RODENT CONTROL. Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The continued inspection of premises and treatment by your operator has caused the district to be adequately served in this respect.

MIDWIVES ACT.

The District Nurses working in the Rural Area act as Health Visitors for the County Council.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

No additions have been made to the Register during the year, but a small number of deletions have taken place.

OUTWORKERS.

So far as is known to your Officers there are no Outworkers in the Rural Area.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the Rural Area, nor are there any Cellar Dwellings.

KNIGHTON HOSPITAL

It is regretted that this Hospital has not been brought into full use, but it is hoped that the Council's endeavours in the direction will soon be realised. The need for Hospital Accommodation in Knighton is great, and would assist in alleviating some of the congestion of Shrewsbury and Llandrindod Wells Hospitals.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding my Annual Report I would express my thanks to the Members of the Council for their help and co-operation in my work as your Medical Officer of Health.

I have the honour to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

J.G. GARMAN.

Medical Officer of Health.



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